secretly married Mistress Frances Vavasour, one of the Ladies m Waiting When this became known Mr Shirley was committed to the Marshalsea She hath now somewhat abated her wrath, but Sir Robert Cecil is to write to Sir Thomas that her pleasure is that he shall make it publicly known that lie cannot digest such an act of contempt to her Court, as well as wilful perjury and disobedience to himself, nor do £01 a son that has so highly offended her who always furthers any honourable marriage or preferment for any of hers, when broken to her without infamy and scandal. Should Sir Thomas come to Court, she will tell him her mind

September THE QUEEN, ON PROGRFSS, VISITS ELVITHAM

On Monday, 2Oth September, the Queen came to Elvctham to stay with the Earl of Hertford, where great preparations had been made for her worthy reception As the house is small and unable to accommodate so large a company, there were built especially the following

A room of estate for the nobles, with a withdrawing place for her Majesty , the outsides all covered with boughs, and clusters of ripe hazel nuts, and inside with arras, the roof with works of ivy leaves, the floor with sweet herbs and green rushes Near to this were the special offices the spicery, laj dery, chandery, wine-cellar, ewery, and pantry, all of which were tiled There were also a large hall for the entertainment of knights, ladies and gentlemen of account , a separate place for the Queen's footmen and their friends , a long bower for the Queen'b Guard , another for the Officers of the Household , another to entertain all comers, suitors and others , another for the Earl's steward ,

another for his gentlemen that waited on him

There were also made a great common buttery , a pitcher house, a large pastery, with five new ovens, some of them fourteen feet deep , a great kitchen, with four ranges and a boiling place , another great kitchen for all comers ; a boiling house for the great boiler , a room for the scullery , and another for the cooks* lodgings

Between the house and the hill, where these buildings were set up, was made in the valley a pond, cut to the perfect figure of a half moon In this pond were three isles , the first the Ship